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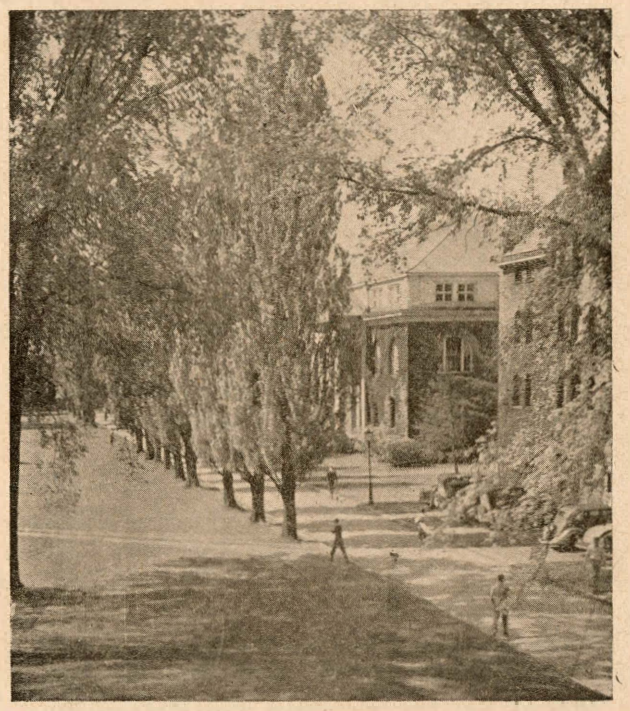

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NOW WE HAVE OUR PEACE

Shortly after Japan's surrender was announced I happened to read a timely editorial in a local weekly newspaper. The point of the article was in a string of rhetorical questions as to whether the army, the navy, the air force, or the atomic bomb had won the war. The writer drew the conclusion that none of the aforementioned factors, but rather the "American spirit", had won the war. As much as we may be opposed to our enemies' principles, we have to admit that they also exhibited a great deal of spirit throughout the war. Certainly even our "American spirit" wouldn't have won the Battle of the Coral Sea without a few ships, and we couldn't have instilled f fear and hatred in the hearts of the Japanese without the aid of a few atomic bombs. No, we still have to accept the fact that armaments and brute force won this war, as they have every previous war. The fact that America has never lost a war in its history is a rather empty statement reflecting no virtues our country may have. Only now can we use this "American spirit" to justify our way of life by ameliorating world conditions.

We are told, much in the same way we are told that our lives will be what we can make them that the peace will be what we make it. A policy of isolation now attracts only a small following, while participation in the new world organization seems to be the thing of the hour. How successfully this organization evolves will depend upon the willingness of individual powers to give up some of their time-honored national rights, to listen to and try to understand the problems of other countries, and to give the smaller nations a voice in the world government. Today's international situation affords remarkable opportunity for comparison with the state of affairs in this country after the Revolutionary War. Improvements in transportation and communication have now actually reduced the world to a size many times smaller that that of the thirteen colonies in 1789. If civilization is to endure on this earth, there must be a growth of a strong international union, similar to the developement of our federal union in the last one hundred and fifty odd years. As the Rev. Dr. Chas. Noble said recently in chapel, the time has come for us to decide whether we want to exert a destructive influence to split the world, or a constructive influence to help it build on a solid foundation for the future. If the latter is our choice, the "American spirit", over-idealized as it may have been, can be of some assistance.

"The peace <u>will</u> be what we make it." Peace is not a gift or spoil belonging to us as victors, but something for which we still have to struggle. Within certain bounds, we can have as much peace as we will allow ourselves. We can learn to trust our allies and supposed enemies and to work with them, or we can feel that we have to patrol them, keep an omnipresent aquiline eye on them, and hedge our participation in an international organization about with conditions. In the latter case we probably will never feel safe or have any sense of peace. If the former course were pursued, perhaps we would even discover that trust, like distrust, is contagious. Nations may be very much like individuals in that they may enjoy just as much peace as they will permit themselves and their neighbors to have.

How whole-heartedly we cooperate as united nations will determine what kind of a world we'll have. Only when we establish a United Nations Organization in which the whole world can participate and trust, and on which the whole world can rely, can we really have our peace.

Warren E. Schulz

DR. WALTER W. MCLAREN JOINS FACULTY

In the absence of Dr. Patton, Hamilton's Professor of Economics is Dr. Walter W. McLaren. A native of Renfrew, Ontario, Mr. McLaren attended Queens University and there earned in 1899 his master of Arts degree and the University's Medal in Political Economy. In 1902 he earned his degree as a Bachelor of Divinity at the Divinity School at Queens University and from 1902 until 1905 was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Picton, Ontario.

After obtaining a Ph. D. at Harvard in 1908, Dr. McLaren began teaching economics and politics at the Keiogijuku University in Tokyo. There Dr. McLaren prepared a documentary history of local and national government in Japan. This history was published in the Transactions of the Asiatic Sociaty of Japan, of which Dr. McLaren was also editor from 1912 until 1914. In 1916, he published the first book in English on the development of Japanese government during that period.

Turning from Dr. McLaren's interest in and contributions toward the study of political history, one comes upon a second great interest --- that in the curricula of small colleges. Awarded a LL.D by St. Lawrence University in 1927, and having been Professor of Economics at Williams College since 1914, Dr. McLaren early found that revisions were necessary in the teaching of economics. Previously open only to juniors and seniors, the introductory study of economics he considered a course comprehensible to freshmen and insisted that it be offered to them. This forward step was later taken up by other departments, and a whole change in curriculum was brought about. Needing a method to get some work out of the idle men-of-leisure, the senious, Dr. McLaren introduced a required seminar course during the senior year for those desiring a major in economics. Later he was instrumental in havein a general three-day examination in majors introduced as a test of whether the student actually deservec credit for a major in a given field.

Dr. McLaren's third great interest lies in organizing the Institute of International politics. He was a leader in organising the Institute of Politics, which deals solely with matters of international nature, and was executive secretary of that body from 1921 until 1932. Another of his pieces of organisation is the Canadian American Conference, on whose executive committee he served from 1934 until 1940. This conference has constantly sought ways of improving matters for the mutual benefit of Canada and the United States, It meets biennially, alternately at Queens University in Kingston and St. Lawrence University in Canton.

Of course, a report such as this cannot hope to cover all of the phases in the life of a man who has made great contributions in no less that three major fields, and it must neglect such affiliations as those with the State Department, the Washington Conference of 1920-1921, etc, but certainly even such a brief summary as this makes it obvious that Hamilton is indeed lucky to have with it such a man as Dr. McLaren.

SPORTS NEWS AND VIEWS

Six-man football started its second year at Hamilton with thirty-three men reporting for the initial practice. The squad was split up into three teams of nearly equal strength and league play started last week. The game is fast, tricky and wide open with plenty of thrills.

Two days of the week are devoted to eleven man practice in hope that we will be able to put a team on the field against a Colgate 'B' squad some time in November.

Two of Hamiltons last varsity football team have returned to the Hill. Bernie Burns, recently discharged from the Army Air Force, has shown plenty of speed and versitality as has Army veteran Cal Synakowsky from Syracuse, N. Y. The majority of the squad are Freshmen with great possibilities. Coach Weber expects many of them to develop into fine ball players. continued on page 3

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB HOLDS FIRST DISCUSSION MEETING

The International Relations Club held its first round table discussion of the term last Tuesday Evening at which the recent Foreigh Ministers Conference in London was discussed.

Opening reports were presented by Jon Kaufman and Thomas Maccabe. These reports and the ensuing discussion generally were divided into two catagories, (1) that the position of the United States did a dis-service to the cause of peace, and (2) that Secretary of State Byrnes was correct in standing for the Principles that we believe in and that the failure of the conference was largely due to the uncomprimising attitude of Russia. It was said that the points of disagreement were so insignificant that Mr. Byrnes would hawe done well to give in, but others replied that the issues were fundamental and that had Russia succeeded the entire foundation of the peace settlement would have been undermined by the establishment of totalitarian controls by the big powers.

The club had two members of the faculty sitting in as advisors, Professors Graves and McLare. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, and all are invited.

THE OLD GRAD

by O. G. Burns Jr.

We of the college are happy to learn that a group of Hamilton Alumni and Clinton businessmen have purchased the old Williams ' Mansion (Ade's to us) situated on West Park Row, Clinton. Following extensive alterations, the place will be re-opened as a high type inn with special appeal to Hamilton students, guests and town-folk. Clinton has needed an inn for many years and it certainly will prove to be an asset both to town and college.

The beautiful old mansion was built in 1810 by Othniel Williams. Later it was occuppied by his son Othniel, a Clinton attourney and treasurer of Hamilton College. It is also interesting to know that Harriet Daniels, the noted novelist, lived there for some time.

We Hamiltonians may well thank those Hamilton Alumni and Clinton businessmen for the purchase of the old mansion which will lead to a fine inn. It has been a long felt need for a good eating place in Clinton. Surely the new establishment will receive the fullest support from the college.

NEW RAZZ SONG

TUNE: Rockaby Baby
Very softly

Hushaby Union, we have the floor.
We'd like to know what you're yelling for.
You never can win when we are around.
So hushaby Union, (SHOUT) DON'T MAKE A SOUND.

CONTRIBUTED BY Elliott Howard

Sports News and Views continued

Coach Jean Gelas started his fencing prospects off with long practice sessions. He is attempting to make fencers out of men who have never, with the exception of two or three, had foils in thier hands. It is a difficult sport to master so we are anxious to see how much success will be achieved. Jack Connolly

(PROSE AND POETRY)

We are inaugurating this regular department in Hamiltonews to provide an outlet for the literary ventures of the student body. We do not expect that each contribution will be a literary masterpiece of great note. If you havw written a bit of poetry, a short story, an essay, or a book review, don't be bashful about contributing it.

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CLASSROOM THOUGHTS

The Student

A wonder I've wondered from time immemorial
Is - why are professors so darned professorial?
I wish I could hurry the hands 'round the dial
As the lecture grows steadily worse.
I wish that he'd really discourse for a while,
And not be disturbingly terse.
I wish he'd not dictate these endless, dull facts
Which make of our lives such a hell.
If that prof only knew just how silly he acts
When he gestures . . . - Thank God! There's the bell.

The Professor

Of all of my mulling, my favorite mull
Is - why all my students are so very dull?
I wish I could tell why each watch on each wrist
Fascinated more than the stuff that I've taught.
If only they'd try to absorb just the gist
Of what I've been saying, I'd be less distraught.
I wish that these students would read all those books
Which I patiently, daily assign.
If only each knew just how stupid he looks . . .
Well, it's his education - not mine!

by Ralph Shulansky

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SONNET

There's so much that is futile in my verse
That I am forced to ponder on the time
Consumed by me in formulating rhyme,
Which seems to grow continually worse.
I wish that I could manage to immerse
Myself in some pursuit the more sublime;
A labor which excludes this mental grime,
And adds something substantial to my purse.
If only there were some of Keats in me
To spur me on - this thankless task inspire.
A bit of Shelley's vivid imagery
Might fan a waning spark into a fire -
Might add a purpose to my poetry,
And culminate my unfulfilled desire.

by Ralph Shulansky

STUDENT BODY HOLDS ELECTION

On Monday evening, Oct. 22, the entire student body assembled in the Chemistry Lecture Room to elect new officers for the fall term. Last term's president, Ken Westlye, presided.

Before the elections, several announcements were made by Dean Blyth, and an ammendment to the Student Constitution was proposed and ratified to increase the representation of the group with more than 45 credit hours from one to two. The vote on ratification was 87 to 8.

In the following elections those chosen were: Ken Westlye and Hank Bissex for those with more than 45 credit hours, Dick Carmer for the 25 to 45 hour group, Stu McKeldin for those with 12 to 24 hours, and Warren Moore for the new freshmen.

Honor Court Elections were held, and the following men were chosen to constitute the new court: Jim Castleberry, Dick Crossley, Bob Licking, Jack Connally, and Sid Corbett.

Prose and Poetry - continued

In these final moments between day and darkness,
'Tis now, my beloved, my thoughts rest on you.
My ill is quite common, the pangs of remembrance,
Recalled by so many, forgotten by few.

'Tis now that I think of those words quiet-spoken,
And dream of the soft light upon your straight hair,
And long for the deep brown that swims 'neath your eye-lids,
Yes, hope that my memory may sometime pass there.

I pray for a vision of lips slightly parted,
Below a pale brow ever furrowed in thought.
My soul would I sell for one note of your laughter,
One wide, flaming kiss that my willing mouth caught.

In these final moments between day and darkness,
When sunlight is dying and blackness is due,
I yearn for the love that so glibly departed,
Remembered by me, soon forgotten by you.

by Gordon Cooke

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NEW BOOKS

THE RED PONY
BY
John Steinbeck

This book is, in reality, a collection of four short stories, judged by many to be among Steinbeck's best. Although the principal characters are the same in each story, there is no continuity of plot---each one having its own theme and moral. (Yes they each have a moral, but don't let that scare you--- you don't have to find them if you don't want to).

Jody, a boy about nine years old, is the main character in each story. His thoug thoughts and actions are, I imagine, typical of a boy living in the West---at least they seemed that way to me. Billy Buck, the old cowhand, is to me the most lovable character. He has the proverbial heart of gold under the proverbial tough hide. One will not soon forget the scene in The Promise, the third story, in which Billy, act-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I'm a freshman here, so I've plenty to learn. I think it's probably because I'm so new at college that I had quite a shock last week when I read a Hamiltonian's version of the Lord's prayer

Perhaps the article would have been offensive to some narrow-minded people, but it was too clever a piece of writing to be left out. I am sure that the writer will be going places if he continues in this field of journalism. Here's congratulations to his originality, humor, and reverence.

Gene Simpson

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To the Editor of Hamiltonews:

Last week the Hamiltonews ran something called "Thomas Maccabe's Prayer", a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer. The gist of it was that Tom Maccabe is a Republican and therefore addresses his prayers not to God, but to Governor Dewey. Now let it be understood that I don't at all mind being "kidded"."Kidding" is a swell part of College life. It should certainly be encouraged by any College paper. Least of all do I mind being "kidded" about being a Republican. I like that. The Republican Party today stands for the best and most basic principles of Americanism (plug).

But, seriously, I do object, and I know many others who feel the same way, when some annonymous collegian undertakes to make a joke out of the Lord's Prayer, that is another story. The Lord's Prayer is the best known and most uded set of words which men use to talk to their God. It is a magnificent and wholly serious work which was given us in the Bible for our use in thinking and beseeching aid of our Heavenly Father. Nevertheless that Prayer was chosen to be mocked and made a joke of by one of my fellow students who didn't care to sign his name.

I wonder how much courage it took to mock the fundamental prayer of 605 million people and to do so anonymously. Or perhaps the great creative writer is so illiterate that he has not yet learned to write his own name.

I know that the Hamiltonews often has trouble finding material to fill up its pages, but I hope and trust it will not again have to resort to that kind of writing to fill up vacancies.

Very sincerely yours,
Tom Maccabe

Review of The Red Pony - continued

ing with furious and desperate haste, slashes open the belly of a mare to deliver a colt for Jody. It is one of the most horrible---at the same time one of the most beautiful---scen's imaginable. These two are the main characters throughout all four stories, and each one has a charm all his own.

The only story which didn't appeal to me is the last one--- but that's all a matter of taste. The other three are whacking good yarns. The Red Pony is well worth looking into.

-----Frederick S. Kellogg

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